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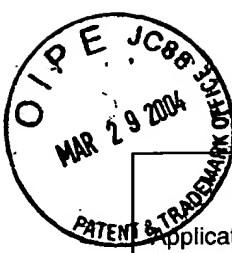
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTALPATENT

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Filing Date: March 14, 2000
First Named Inventor Millind Mittal et al.
Examiner's Name: A. Nalven
Art Unit: 2134
Attorney Docket No.: 042390P7440

An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.

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 Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

ATTACHMENTS

- Preliminary Amendment
 Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
 Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
 Notice of Appeal
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Millind Mittal)
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of December 23, 2003, applicants respectfully request the examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the accompanying remarks. Because all pending claims, as amended, are patentable over the cited references, when considered alone or in combination, applicants respectfully request the examiner to allow those claims to issue over those references.